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By the QUEEN,

## A PROCLAMATION,

For the Putting in Execution the Laws in Force against such Persons as have or shall endeavour to Pervert Her Majesties Subjects to the Popish Religion.

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*WHereas by a Statute made in the Twenty third Year of the Reign of the late Queen* Elizabeth, *Intituled,* An Act to Retain the Queens Majesties Subjects in their due Obedience, *It is made High Treason to withdraw any of Our Subjects from the Religion Established by Law within this Realm to the Romish Religion, to the Intent to withdraw them from their Natural Obedience to Us: And it is thereby High Treason in the Persons so willingly withdrawn: And their Procurers and Counsellors thereunto, and all Aiders or Maintainers wittingly of such Offenders are Guilty of Misprision of Treason: And whereas by another Statute made in the Third Year of the Reign of Our Great Grandfather King* James *the First, Intituled,* An Act for the Discovering and Repressing of Popish Recusants, *It is High Treason for any Person or Persons to put in Practice to Absolve, Perswade or Withdraw any of Our Subjects of this Realm of* England *from their Natural Obedience to Us, or to Reconcile them to the Pope or See of* Rome, *and their Procurers, Counsellors, Aiders and Maintainers knowing the same, are also Guilty of High Treason: And also to be wilfully Absolv'd, or Withdrawn in manner aforesaid, or to be willingly Reconcil'd to the Pope or See of* Rome, *or to Procure, Counsel, Aid or Maintain such Offenders, knowing the same, is thereby likewise made High Treason: And whereas the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of the House of Commons in the last Sessions of Parliament, did humbly Beseech Us, that We would be Pleased to Issue out Our Royal Proclamation for the Putting in Execution the Laws which are in Force against all such Persons as have or shall Endeavour to Pervert Our Subjects to the Popish Religion, We therefore, with the Advice of Our Privy-Council, have thought fit to Issue out this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby Require, Charge and Command all Our Judges, Justices of the Peace and Ministers of Justice, That they in their several Places do put in due Execution all the Laws now in Force against all such Persons that have or shall endeavour to Pervert Our Subjects to the Popish Religion, and cause the said Laws to be Publickly given in Charge at all and every their Assizes, Gaol-deliveries, and Quarter-Sessions respectively; And then and there, and at all other Times and Places, do take Order that such Offenders be Taken, Imprisoned and Prosecuted according to Law.*

Given at Our Court at *Kensington* the Eleventh Day of *April*, 1706. In the Fifth Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

*Gibraltar, March* 25. *N. S.* The Grafton and another small Frigat came in here three days ago, having left the Squadron under the Command of Sir John Leake near Cape St. Martins; and they sailed again this day to the Westward, in order to rejoin him. The English Slaves in Barbary being all redeemed, the remainder of them were lately sent over hither, and are very useful in assisting the Garison to finish our Fortifications, which will in a short time be brought to Perfection. Our Garison continues very healthy.

*Lisbon, April* 7. *N. S.* On the 30th of the last Month the Men of War and Transport-ships, with Land-Forces on board that lately came from England, and 6 Dutch Men of War, set Sail from hence, in order to join the Confederate Fleet under the Command of Sir John Leake; and the next day they got over our Bar. We received Letters from on board the Fleet, by the way of Lagos, dated the 26th past, giving an Account, That it had been hindered by contrary Winds from entring into the Streights: And yesterday, by the Faulcon Pink, we had Letters from the Fleet of the 3d Instant: Sir John Leake was then off of the Streights-Mouth, making for Gibraltar, with an Easterly Wind. He had been joined by the Leopard and Panther, two Frigats, that were lately sent from hence with a considerable Sum of Money for the Earl of Peterborow, which they had safely landed at Denia. By this Opportunity we have an Account, That his Excellency was the 21st past with a good Body of Troops in Valentia; the Magistrates and Inhabitants of which Place expressed on all Occasions the greatest Zeal and Loyalty for the Catholick King, by contributing most readily all in their Power to the Advancement of his Majesty's Service. Prince Serclaes de Tilly, with a small Body of Troops, lay between Valentia and Alicant, to cover the Town last mentioned, being apprehensive of its falling into the Hands of the Confederates; but on the other side of Valentia, the Country was free from the Enemy's Forces, and the Communication was open with Barcelona. The Duke of Anjou and the Marshal de Tesse were come into the Neighbourhood of Lerida with a Body of about 10000 Men; but intended to pass the River Segra, and advance into Catalonia, without attacking that Town, where the Confederates have a Garison of 2500 Men, which will be able to annoy the Enemy very much, by intercepting any Convoy that might be sent them from Castile and Arragon. The French had about 20 Ships at Sea in the Mediterranean, which were then riding in Barcelona Road. The Earl of Galway went the 24th past from Elvas to Fonte-Sappateros, to assemble the Forces in those Parts; and the next day joined the rest of the Army in the Camp between the Rivers Caya and Cayola, where he continued till the 31st, while the Artillery, Carriages, and other Necessaries for a Siege, were getting in a readiness; which being done, his Excellency marched from thence with 15000 Foot and about 5000 Horse, leaving the rest of his Troops to guard the Frontiers, and secure his Convoys; And by an Express which arrived this day from the Army, dated the 5th Instant, his Excellency was then within two days March of Alcantara: He is to be joined by more Troops from the Province of Beira, and will form the Siege of Alcantara without loss of time; which being a Place of no great Strength, will soon be in our Power, and a Passage will thereby be opened into Spain. The Duke of Berwick was then at Cazeres, drawing together the few Troops that the Enemy have left on those Frontiers, which will not make a Body considerable enough to interrupt the Earl of Galway in the Execution of his Designs.

*Falmouth, April* 8. Yesterday sailed hence to cruise the Content, a Privateer of Jersey, commanded by Captain Browne. This day arrived here the Fortune Dogger of London, Paul Walsh Master, homeward bound with Wine from the Canaries, having beeen 35 days in her Passage.

*Portsmouth, April* 11. This morning sailed from Spithead Her Majesty's Ship the Feversham, with about 20 Sail of Merchant-men and Coasters under her Convoy, bound for the Downes.

*Yarmouth, April* 12. Her Majesty's Ship the Centurion came into our Road on the 8th Instant, and sailed again yesterday to the Southward, with such Ships as were bound from hence to Holland, in order to join the Squadron that is now going thither. A Fleet of Merchant Ships from Hull, with their Convoys, passed through our Road last night to the Southward.

*St. James's, April* 14. The Duke of Marlborough went on board the Peregrine Galley on Friday last in the Afternoon, and on Saturday Morning at Six a Clock his Grace passed by the Nuore, with several other Yachts,